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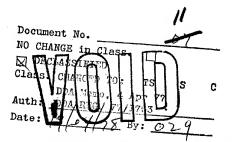
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at Wat Yuam in Bangkok, there was a meeting of the fictnamese National Welfare Association of Momen, to celebrate Moman's Day. This meeting was, in most respects, a repetition of the ordinary meetings of National Welfore Associations, but was marked by a corious and little-noticed incident. Miss by Thi Nguyet Anh, a going Cochinchinese girl about 23 years old, who is a Can Bo ("agent" or "cadre") of Women, was addressing the meeting and outlining the history of the struggle of women throughout the world for emancipation, In particular, she praised the part played by American woman.

2. As she was praising the role of American women, she suddenly hesitated, began to speak in a balting manner, and then sat down. The cause of this sudgen confusion was apparently a glance from Nom, Acting Chief of the Bangkok Tong Bo, who was sitting in the front rank of the audience - Kon hinself then addressed the meeting approximately as follows: "We do not wish to contradict our young comrade, but we feel it is necessary to make a correction. It is true that in former days, imerican women played an important part in the struggle for emancipation and were truly revolutionary and progressive. But today the situation has changed. American woman mood is totally reactionary. America instead of advancing, has gone backward."

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Note: This incident is of importance in illustrating: (1) The current Viet Minh dectrine wis-a-wis the United States, and (2) The tight grip maintained by Xom over the local Jan Bo.)



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